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Values In Postgres

VALUES provides a way to generate a "constant table" that can be used in a query without having to actually create and populate a table on-disk. The syntax is

```
VALUES (1, 'one'), (2, 'two'), (3, 'three');
```

will return a table of two columns and three rows. It's effectively equivalent to:

```
SELECT 1 AS column1, 'one' AS column2
UNION ALL
SELECT 2, 'two'
UNION ALL
SELECT 3, 'three';
```

By default, PostgreSQL assigns the names column1, column2, etc. to the columns of a VALUES table. The column names are not specified by the SQL standard and different database systems do it differently, so it's usually better to override the default names with a table alias list, like this:

```
=> SELECT * FROM (VALUES (1, 'one'), (2, 'two'), (3, 'three')) AS t
(num,letter);
 num | letter
-----+-----
   1 | one
   2 | two
   3 | three
(3 rows)
```

Syntactically, VALUES followed by expression lists is treated as equivalent to:

```
SELECT select_list FROM table_expression
```

and can appear anywhere a SELECT can. For example, you can use it as part of a UNION, or attach a **sort_specification** (ORDER BY, LIMIT, and/or OFFSET) to it. VALUES is most commonly used as the data source in an INSERT command, and next most commonly as a subquery.

For more information see [VALUES](#).

Delete In post

Summary: in this tutorial, you will learn how to use the **PostgreSQL DELETE** statement to delete data from a table.

Introduction to PostgreSQL DELETE statement

The PostgreSQL **DELETE** statement allows you to delete one or more rows from a table.

The following shows basic syntax of the **DELETE** statement:

```
DELETE FROM table_name  
WHERE condition;
```

In this syntax:

First, specify the name of the table from which you want to delete data after the **DELETE FROM** keywords.

Second, use a condition in the **WHERE** clause to specify which rows from the table to delete.

The **WHERE** clause is optional. If you omit the **WHERE** clause, the **DELETE** statement will delete all rows in the table.

The **DELETE** statement returns the number of rows deleted. It returns zero if the **DELETE** statement did not delete any row.

To return the deleted row(s) to the client, you use the **RETURNING** clause as follows:

```
DELETE FROM table_name  
WHERE condition  
RETURNING (select_list | *)
```

Code language: SQL (Structured Query Language) (sql)

The asterisk (*) allows you to return all columns of the deleted row from the `table_name`.

To return specific columns, you specify them after the `RETURNING` keyword.

Note that the `DELETE` statement only removes data from a table. It doesn't modify the structure of the table. If you want to change the structure of a table such as removing a column, you should use the `ALTER TABLE` statement.

PostgreSQL DELETE statement examples

Let's set up a sample table for the demonstration.

The following statements **create a new table** called `links` and **insert some sample data**:

```
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS links;
```

```
CREATE TABLE links (  
    id serial PRIMARY KEY,  
    url varchar(255) NOT NULL,  
    name varchar(255) NOT NULL,  
    description varchar(255),  
    rel varchar(10),  
    last_update date DEFAULT now()  
);
```

```
INSERT INTO
```

```
links
```

```
VALUES
```

```
    ('1', 'https://www.postgresqltutorial.com', 'PostgreSQL Tutorial', 'Learn  
PostgreSQL fast and easy', 'follow', '2013-06-02'),  
    ('2', 'http://www.oreilly.com', 'O'Reilly Media', 'O'Reilly Media',  
'nofollow', '2013-06-02'),  
    ('3', 'http://www.google.com', 'Google', 'Google', 'nofollow',  
'2013-06-02'),  
    ('4', 'http://www.yahoo.com', 'Yahoo', 'Yahoo', 'nofollow', '2013-06-02'),  
    ('5', 'http://www.bing.com', 'Bing', 'Bing', 'nofollow', '2013-06-02'),  
    ('6', 'http://www.facebook.com', 'Facebook', 'Facebook', 'nofollow',  
'2013-06-01'),  
    ('7', 'https://www.tumblr.com/', 'Tumblr', 'Tumblr', 'nofollow',  
'2013-06-02'),  
    ('8', 'http://www.postgresql.org', 'PostgreSQL', 'PostgreSQL', 'nofollow',  
'2013-06-02');
```

Here are the contents of the `links` table:

```
SELECT * FROM links;
```

Code language: SQL (Structured Query Language) (sql)

	id integer	url character varying (255)	name character varying (255)	description character varying (255)	rel character varying (10)	last_update date
1	1	http://www.postgresqltutori...	PostgreSQL Tutorial	Learn PostgreSQL fast and ...	follow	2013-06-02
2	2	http://www.oreilly.com	O'Reilly Media	O'Reilly Media	nofollow	2013-06-02
3	3	http://www.google.com	Google	Google	nofollow	2013-06-02
4	4	http://www.yahoo.com	Yahoo	Yahoo	nofollow	2013-06-02
5	5	http://www.bing.com	Bing	Bing	nofollow	2013-06-02
6	6	http://www.facebook.com	Facebook	Facebook	nofollow	2013-06-01
7	7	https://www.tumblr.com/	Tumblr	Tumblr	nofollow	2013-06-02
8	8	http://www.postgresql.org	PostgreSQL	PostgreSQL	nofollow	2013-06-02

1) Using PostgreSQL DELETE to delete one row from the table

The following statement uses the `DELETE` statement to delete one row with the id 8 from the `links` table:

```
DELETE FROM links
WHERE id = 8;
```

Code language: SQL (Structured Query Language) (sql)

The statement returns 1 indicated that one row has been deleted:

```
DELETE 1
```

Code language: Shell Session (shell)

The following statement uses the `DELETE` statement to delete the row with id 10:

```
DELETE FROM links
WHERE id = 10;
```

Code language: SQL (Structured Query Language) (sql)

Since the row with id 10 does not exist, the statement returns 0:

```
DELETE 0
```

Code language: Shell Session (shell)

2) Using PostgreSQL DELETE to delete a row and return the deleted row

The following statement deletes the row with id 7 and returns the deleted row to the client:

```
DELETE FROM links
WHERE id = 7
RETURNING *;
```

Code language: SQL (Structured Query Language) (sql)

PostgreSQL returns the following deleted row:

	id integer	url character varying (255)	name character varying (255)	description character varying (255)	rel character varying (10)	last_update date
1	7	https://www.tumblr.com/	Tumblr	Tumblr	nofollow	2013-06-02

3) Using PostgreSQL DELETE to delete multiple rows from the table

The following statement deletes two rows from the `links` table and return the values in the `id` column of deleted rows:

```
DELETE FROM links
WHERE id IN (6,5)
RETURNING *;
```

Code language: SQL (Structured Query Language) (sql)

Output:

4) Using PostgreSQL DELETE to delete all rows from the table

The following statement uses the `DELETE` statement without a `WHERE` clause to delete all rows from the `links` table:

```
DELETE FROM links;
```

Group By

The `GROUP BY` clause divides the rows returned from the `SELECT` statement into groups. For each group, you can apply an aggregate function e.g., `SUM()` to calculate the sum of items or `COUNT()` to get the number of items in the groups.

The following statement illustrates the basic syntax of the `GROUP BY` clause:

```
SELECT
    column_1,
    column_2,
    ...,
    aggregate_function(column_3)
FROM
    table_name
GROUP BY
    column_1,
    column_2,
    ...;
```

Code language: SQL (Structured Query Language) (sql)

In this syntax:

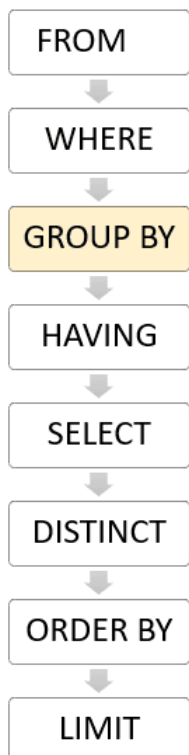
First, select the columns that you want to group e.g., `column1` and `column2`, and column that you want to apply an aggregate function (`column3`).

Second, list the columns that you want to group in the `GROUP BY` clause.

The statement clause divides the rows by the values of the columns specified in the `GROUP BY` clause and calculates a value for each group.

It's possible to use other clauses of the `SELECT` statement with the `GROUP BY` clause.

PostgreSQL evaluates the `GROUP BY` clause after the `FROM` and `WHERE` clauses and before the `HAVING SELECT`, `DISTINCT`, `ORDER BY` and `LIMIT` clauses.



PostgreSQL GROUP BY clause examples

Let's take a look at the `payment` table in the [sample database](#).

payment
* payment_id
customer_id
staff_id
rental_id
amount
payment_date

1) Using PostgreSQL GROUP BY without an aggregate function example

You can use the GROUP BY clause without applying an aggregate function. The following query gets data from the payment table and groups the result by customer id.

```
SELECT
  customer_id
FROM
  payment
GROUP BY
  customer_id;
```

Code language: SQL (Structured Query Language) (sql)

	customer_id smallint
1	184
2	87
3	477
4	273
5	550
6	51
7	394
8	272
9	70

In this case, the GROUP BY works like the DISTINCT clause that removes duplicate rows from the result set.

2) Using PostgreSQL GROUP BY with SUM() function example

The GROUP BY clause is useful when it is used in conjunction with an [aggregate function](#).

For example, to select the total amount that each customer has been paid, you use the `GROUP BY` clause to divide the rows in the `payment` table into groups grouped by customer id. For each group, you calculate the total amounts using the `SUM()` function.

The following query uses the `GROUP BY` clause to get total amount that each customer has been paid:

```
SELECT
    customer_id,
    SUM (amount)
FROM
    payment
GROUP BY
    customer_id;
```

Code language: SQL (Structured Query Language) (sql)

	customer_id smallint	sum numeric
1	184	80.80
2	87	137.72
3	477	106.79
4	273	130.72
5	550	151.69
6	51	123.70
7	394	77.80
8	272	65.87
9	70	75.83
10	190	102.75
11	350	63.79

The `GROUP BY` clause sorts the result set by customer id and adds up the amount that belongs to the same customer. Whenever the `customer_id` changes, it adds the row to the returned result set.